



M.S. PATENT
Atty. Docket No. 24679

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

RHEE et al.

Serial No. 09/868,328

Group Art Unit: 1652

Filed: June 18, 2001

Examiner: M. Rao

For: **ENZYMATIC PRODUCTION OF DIFRUCTOSE DIANHYDRIDE IV FROM
SUCROSE AND RELEVANT ENZYMES AND GENES FOR CODING THEM**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 3, 2003. A three month Petition for Extension of Time and fee are attached hereto, extending the period for reply to January 3, 2004. In view of the following remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the captioned application as follows: